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## Memorandum

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Subject: Serial No.: 10/017,003

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/017,003  
Our Docket F-437

Enclosed please find the Petition for Extension of Time, petitioning for a one-month extension of time, the Amendment Transmittal Letter, and the Amendment.  
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In re patent application of: ) Date: February 9, 2004  
 John W. Rojas et al. ) Attorney Docket No.: F-437  
 Serial No.: 10/017,003 ) Customer No.: 00919  
 Filed: December 14, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
 Confirmation No.: 7875 ) Examiner: Jonathan R. Miller  
 Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REROUTING ITEMS IN A MAIL  
 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Number of Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	-	20	=	0	X	\$18.00	=	0.00
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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